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Amendments to the Drawings:

A substitute sheet 3 (FIG. 3) is attached. The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG 3. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3 , replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been allowed as filed. Therefore, the Office has issued no prior action on the merits to provide an opportunity to amend the application in response to an action.

The desirability of the drawing, specification and claim amendments made hereby was discerned upon review of the application pursuant to an allowed application checklist and review process by counsel for applicant.

For the reasons set forth below, these amendments do not present a need for substantial further examining effort by the Office to determine that the amendments are proper and permitted under 37 CFR § 1.312 and so may (should) be entered in the application.

The Drawing amendment corrects a character reference, namely, a change to "10" from the former "12". The aptness of this change would be readily apparent to the person of ordinary skill in the art upon examining the drawing in connection with a study of the specification. The block at the right side of FIG. 3 denotes the location from which command signals to power distribution unit 20 originate; that also is the location to which feedback on confirmation signals are sent from power distribution unit 20. That location is the truck tractor where the truck operator is located. FIG. 1 shows that the tractor is denoted as "10", whereas trailer is denoted as "12". Thus, the amendment to FIG. 3 is consistent with FIG. 1 and with the fair disclosure of the specification. The correction to FIG. 3 involves no new matter.

The amendment to the specification corrects an error which is such that the correction would be apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art. The cables used to connect between tractor and trailer electrical sockets have multiple conductors. There is no new matter. The correction does not affect the substance of the disclosure.

The correction to dependent claim 4 changes the incorrect word "multiplicity" to the correct word "multiplex". The aptness of this amendment is apparent at page 4 where multiplex equipment is mentioned, as by use of reference numeral 38. There is no such thing in the relevant art as a "multiplicity decoder", and so a person skilled in the art, having read the

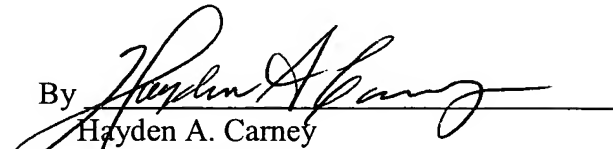
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specification, would understand the decoder mentioned in claim 4 to be a multiplex decoder. Again, no new matter is presented. Claim 4 is a dependent claim.

This amendment is proper and appropriate under 37 CFR § 1.312, and its entry is requested.

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Attachments: Substitute Drawing Sheet (FIG. 3)
Annotated Drawing Sheet (FIG 3)

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FIG. 3

